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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)

No. CV-153032

Plaintiffs

STIPULATED FINAL JUDGMENT

vs.

TROWBRIDGE ENTERPRISES, INC., PALACE ART AND OFFICE SUPPLY, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

Defendants.

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ("Plaintiff"), appearing through its attorney, Bob Lee, District Attorney, by Morgan C. Taylor, Asst. District Attorney, and TROWBRIDGE ENTERPRISES, INC. and PALACE ART AND OFFICE SUPPLY ("Settling Defendants"), appearing through their attorney, Timothy J. Morgan, Esq., hereby stipulate and agree, by their signatures set forth herein, that without the taking of evidence, and without trial or adjudication of any facts herein, the Court may enter this Stipulated Final Judgment ("Judgment").

1. WHEREAS:

(a) Settling Defendant TROWBRIDGE ENTERPRISES, INC. was and is a California corporation doing business in Santa Cruz County,

California as a retailer of art and office supplies, under the fictitious business name of Settling Defendant PALACE ART AND OFFICE SUPPLY, and employing ten or more persons.

- (b) Plaintiff alleges that Settling Defendants have sold certain mugs and other ceramic containers intended for the consumption of food or beverages with colored artwork of designs, containing lead (and/or lead compounds) and/or cadmium on the exterior, including but not limited to "Zen Slug Mug, #8-39991-00296-6," manufactured by Oxford West, which may be referred to herein as "Products." The manner of exposure is and was through ingestion and/or dermal contact. Lead and cadmium are listed pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code \$25249.5 et seq., also known as Proposition 65, as known to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. Lead (and/or lead compounds) and cadmium may alternatively be referred to herein as "Listed Chemicals."
- (c) On or about September 27, 2005, Russell Brimer, a citizen of California, served Settling Defendants, and various public enforcement agencies, with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" ("Notice") that provided Settling Defendants and such public enforcers with notice alleging that Settling Defendants were in violation of Health & Safety Code \$25249.6 for failing to warn purchasers that the Products exposed consumers in California to the Listed Chemicals.
- (d) On November 22, 2005, BOB LEE, District Attorney of the County of Santa Cruz, in the name of the People of the State of California, filed the present action in the Superior Court for the County of Santa Cruz against Settling Defendants, alleging

violations of Health & Safety Code \$25249.6 and Business & Professions Code \$17200, based on the alleged exposures to the Listed Chemicals contained in the Products sold by Settling Defendants.

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- (e) Settling Defendants deny the material factual and legal allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint and maintain that all products that they have sold in California, including these Products, have been and are in compliance with all laws, and/or that said sales were without knowledge of their status as containing Listed Chemicals and without intent to expose any individual to such Listed Chemicals. Nothing in this Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Settling Defendants of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Settling Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Settling Defendants. Nothing in this Judgment shall apply to, or be used as evidence regarding compliance for any product sold, other than those Products referred to specifically herein, by Settling Defendants with Proposition 65 or any other statute or regulation. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations, responsibilities and duties of Settling Defendants under this Judgment.
- (f) For purposes of this Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants as to the acts alleged in

the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Santa Cruz, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Judgment and to enforce the provisions thereof.

2. THEREFORE:

The PEOPLE having filed their complaint, the parties having stipulated to this final Judgment, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- (a) Settling Defendants shall not sell or offer for sale any of the Products containing the Listed Chemicals in exterior colored decorations unless such Products comply with the provisions set forth herein.
- (b) Settling Defendants shall not sell any of the Products requiring warnings pursuant to \$25249.6 in its retail stores unless such warnings are provided in the following manner:
- (1) Point of Sale warnings may be provided through one or more signs posted at or near the point of sale or display of the Products that state as follows:

"WARNING: The materials used as colored decoration on this product contain chemicals, including lead and/or cadmium, known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm."

this section shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of use or purchase and shall be placed or written in a manner such that the consumer understands to which Products the warnings apply.

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- (1) All designs applied to the exterior surface of the Products that are sold by Settling Defendant contain less than 0.06% lead by weight in the decoration either before or after the decoration is applied to the Product, using a test method of sufficient sensitivity to establish a quantity limit of less than 600 parts per million (ppm).
- (2) All designs applied to the exterior surface of the Products that are sold by Settling Defendant contain less than 0.42% cadmium by weight in the decoration either before or after the decoration is applied to the Product, using a test method of sufficient sensitivity to establish a quantity limit of less than 2400 parts per million (ppm).
- (3) There are no decorations within 20 millimeters of the rim, or any decorations within 20 millimeters of the rim result in a wipe test result of no more than 0.5 micrograms of lead and no more than 4.1 micrograms of cadmium on a Ghost Wipe, using the NIOSH 9100 wipe test method.
- (d) Should any court of this state enter an order in a case brought by the People of the State of California that sets forth the standards defining when Proposition 65 warnings will or will not be required for products substantially similar to the type and function of Products at issue here ("Alternative Standards"), or if the California Attorney General's Office or Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment otherwise provide written endorsement (i.e. a writing that is circulated by the Attorney

General that is not intended for the purposes of soliciting further input or comments) of Alternative Standards applicable to products that are of the same type and function as the Products, Settling Defendants shall be entitled to seek a modification of this Judgment so as to enable it to utilize and rely on such Alternative Standards in lieu of those set forth above. Plaintiff shall not unreasonably withhold consent to any proposed stipulation to effectuate such a modification.

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(e) This Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between the Plaintiff and Settling Defendants, of any violation of Proposition 65, Business & Professions Code sections 17200 et seq., or any other statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been asserted in the complaint against Settling Defendants, arising from the failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings required by Proposition 65 for exposure to lead and/or cadmium from the use of the Products, whether based on actions committed by Settling Defendants, or by any entity to whom it distributes or sells the Products, and covers no other claims. As to the Products, compliance with the terms of this Judgment resolves any issue now, in the past, and in the future concerning compliance by Settling Defendants, their parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, sister companies, affiliates, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees; their distributors, wholesalers, and retailers who sell the Products; and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them; with the requirements of Proposition 65 with respect to Listed Chemicals in the Products.

(f) The terms of this Judgment shall be governed by the laws

of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products specifically, then Settling Defendants shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, those Products are so affected.

- (g) This Judgment may be modified only by (1) written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a modified Judgment by the Court thereon, or (2) motion of any Party as provided by law and upon entry of a modified Judgment by the Court. The Attorney General shall be served with Notice of any proposed modification to this Judgment at least fifteen (15) days in advance of its consideration by the Court.
- (h) The undersigned are authorized to execute this Stipulation on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Judgment.
- (i) The Court retains jurisdiction for the purpose of entertaining applications at any time for such further orders as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or carrying out of this Judgment, for the modification or termination of any of its provisions, and the enforcement thereof, including the punishment of any violations or contempts.
- (j) All causes of action alleged against DOES 1 through 20, inclusive, are hereby dismissed.
- (k) Defendant shall pay to the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Santa Cruz the sum of \$320.00 pursuant to Government Code \$6103.5.

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1	SO STIPULATED.		
2	DATED:		BOB LEE District Attorney
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4			MORGAN CARLOS TAYLOR Asst. District Attorney
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6	DATED: 8/30/2006		TIMOTHY J. MORGAN
7			TIMOTHY J. MORGAN Attorney for Settling Defendants TROWBRIDGE
8			ENTERPRISES, INC. and PALACE ART AND OFFICE SUPPLY
9	IT IS SO ORDERED.		ATACK
10	DATED: SEP 01 2006		ROBERT B. ATACK
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